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Please substitute the following claim 5 for the pending claim 5:

5. (Once amended) The use as claimed in claim 1 wherein the fusion protein is in association with latent TGF $\beta$  binding protein.

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Please substitute the following claim 7 for the pending claim 7:

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7. (Once amended) A nucleic acid construct as claimed in claim 6 wherein the first nucleic acid sequence encodes the protein INF $\beta$ .

Please substitute the following claim 8 for the pending claim 8:

8. (Once amended) A nucleic acid construct as claimed in claim 6 which is in the form of a vector.

Please substitute the following claim 9 for the pending claim 9:

9. (Once amended) A cell comprising a nucleic acid construct as claimed in claim 6.

Please substitute the following claim 10 for the pending claim 10:

10. (Once amended) A method of treatment of a patient comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a nucleic acid construct as claimed in claim 6.

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Please substitute the following claim 12 for the pending claim 12:

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12. (Once amended) A method of treatment as claimed in claim 10 wherein the treatment is gene therapy.

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[Please substitute the following claim 13 for the pending claim 13:]

13. (Once amended) A nucleic acid construct as claimed in claim 6 for use in medicine.

[Please substitute the following claim 14 for the pending claim 14:]

Q4 14. (Once amended) Use of a nucleic acid construct as claimed in claim 6 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of an inflammatory disorder.

[Please substitute the following claim 15 for the pending claim 15:]

15. (Once amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a nucleic acid construct as claimed in claim 6.

Please substitute the following claim 23 for the pending claim 23:

Q5 23. (Once amended) A kit comprising a nucleic acid construct as claimed in claim 6 and an administration vehicle.

~~Q6~~ Please add the following new claim:

Q6 24. (New) A kit comprising a fusion protein as claimed in claim 16, and an administration vehicle.

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